

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Minutes for Conference Call

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:00pm – 9:00 pm - All Members – Statewide

Dial: 1 (866) 685-1580

Conference Code: 51 52 81 65 09 #

Members Present: Sai Abbaraju, Rohan Aggarwal, Joel Baumann, Nick Beckwith, Jacob Bundt, Anne Edwards, Agatha Fenech, Pablo Haake, Rekha Karuparthi, Mary Korch, Jake Mathahs, Katie Melbourne, Gina Mostafa, Sruthi Palaniappan, Danielle Reyes, Luke Theuma, Benjamin Votroubek, and Cody Woodruff

Members Absent: Jenna McCoy and Danielle Reyes

Staff Present: Betsy Penisten and Steve Michael

I. Roll Call and Announcements

Karuparthi took roll call. Haake was happy with how the Day on the Hill turned out. This Friday will be the “I’ll Make Me a World” event at the Hy-Vee hall. Also, February 19th will be Melanoma Day.

II. Approve Minutes from February 6, 2014

Theuma moved to approve the February 9, 2014 minutes with the correction of a majority vote against the college tuition bill. Beckwith seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the corrected minutes.

III. Cyberbullying Discussion

Haake talked to IYC’s president, Aditi Dinikar. She agreed to promise to communicate and update SIYAC often. The Governor’s bill also got passed out of the subcommittee. Theuma believes we need to lobby aggressively, and try to get the bill amended. SIYAC will officially vote on the Governor’s bill on the next conference call.

IV. Day on the Hill Overview/Next Steps

Tanning Bill: Melbourne was pleased with how everything went on the Day on the Hill. Many people seemed surprised that tanning could become addictive and dangerous. Her goal is to get the word out to as many people as possible through emails and position statements. She is also attending the Melanoma Day on February 19th.

Suicide Training Bill: Many people liked the bill and wanted more information about the bill. Abbaraju plans on e-mailing legislators. He is also in the process of figuring out when it will go into subcommittee.

Cyberbullying Bill: Theuma would like to amend the position statement and keep lobbying for this bill.

Standardized Testing Bill: On the Day on the Hill, Palaniappan and Korch got the house file number for the bill. They would like to focus on the senate side and see who will be willing to take up the bill. Theuma suggested they also contact the Governor's office.

Foreign Language Bill: Haake talked to Abdul-Samad, but didn't get much information out of him. But it was nice to get the word out about the importance of learning a foreign language. Karuparthy and Haake's next steps will be sending out e-mails and see where it will go.

V. AMP Discussion

The council will talk about e-cigarettes on the next conference call. Since SIYAC believes it is a worthy topic, Mostafa will research this topic more and report back.

VI. Officer Updates

Service: Global Youth Service Day is coming up. Korch is collecting materials from suppliers to make care kits to bring to the fourth quarter meeting.

Public Relations: Fenech took video during the meeting and is now editing it.

Legislative Affairs: Mathahs was glad to see that many legislators knew about SIYAC. He would like to raise awareness about the various bills.

VII. Other Business/Public Comments

Karuparthy took another roll call.

VIII. Meeting Adjourns

Aggarwal moved to adjourn the meeting. Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to adjourn.